

Governor's Commission on Government Reform, Efficiency, and Performance

Minutes of Meeting held on August 12, 2016

10:00AM

Northeast Wisconsin Technical College, Green Bay, WI

Commission Members Present: Co-Chair Scott Neitzel, Secretary Dave Ross, Mr. Robin Gates, Mr. Bob Ziegelbauer, Secretary Richard Chandler, and Mr. Ara Cherchian.

On the Phone: Mrs. Linda Seemeyer, Senator Janis Ringhand, and Representative Adam Jarchow.

Excused: Mr. Michael Heifetz, Co-Chair John Shiely, and Senator Howard Marklein.

1. Co-Chair Neitzel opened the meeting and called the roll. Waylon Hurlburt took the roll.
2. Co-Chair Neitzel called for the approval of the July meeting minutes. The July commission meeting minutes were approved by unanimous consent.
3. Co-Chair Neitzel introduced the Indiana Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Director, Micah Vincent. Director Vincent gave his presentation.
4. Micah talked about how the creation of the OMB helped to improve the state's finances after Governor Daniels created it. He talked about a recent addition to the OMB was the Office of Technology. He talked about how the state budget office, Department of Revenue, and audit functions are all in the OMB streamlining similar functions.
5. Co-Chair Neitzel called on Commission members to ask questions of Micah.
 - Robin Gates asked if the OMB does agency performance reviews and what are the consequences for poor performance. Micah talked about the quarterly reviews and how the agency competition accomplishes improved performance.
 - Ara Cherchian asked how many staff the OMB has. Micah said very few staff, but overseas agencies with FTE of roughly 1,500.
 - Secretary Chandler asked how Indiana compared to Wisconsin. Indiana does not have a Department of Administration. Indiana finance functions are part of the OMB.
 - Co-Chair Neitzel asked how the OMB access to the Governor changes things. Micah talked about how all direction goes through the OMB. The OMB office is actually next to the Governor's. Micah talked about how the OMB has created a much more seamless working environment among the agencies.
 - Linda Seemeyer asked how the roles and boundaries are defined. Micah compared it to the corporate CFO model.
6. Co-Chair Neitzel introduced Cindy Torstveit of the Department of Administration to talk about facilities management and savings ideas.
7. Cindy gave her presentation.
8. Co-Chair Neitzel called on Commission members to ask questions of Cindy.

- Ara Cherchian asked about comparing per square foot costs between the private and public sectors. It is hard to compare the two for numerous reasons.
 - Robin Gates asked what hasn't been consolidated. The real estate and facilities management are not consolidated. Agencies still have staff and better coordination is needed.
 - Co-Chair Neitzel asked to look at accountability to solve this.
 - Secretary Ross asked about vacancy rates. DSPS was underutilizing space when he took over as Secretary.
 - Robin Gates asked about the potential for savings. Cindy said there is potential for savings.
 - Secretary Chandler opined if DOR was doing enough and Cindy said some agencies are good and others could do better.
 - Senator Ringhand thanked Cindy for her work with the Building Commission.
9. Co-Chair Neitzel introduced Mike Konecny, CPA to talk about the Michigan Economic Vitality and Incentive Program.
 10. Mike gave his presentation.
 11. Co-Chair Neitzel called on Commission members to ask questions of Mike.
 - Bob Ziegelbauer asked if auditing standards are the same so counties can be compared. Mike said yes.
 - Secretary Chandler asked if it would be helpful to require local governments to do this and Mike thought it would.
 - Co-Chair Neitzel asked what the response would be. Senator Ringhand said there would be concerns from local governments and Bob Ziegelbauer agreed. Mike said there would also be some board members who would like it.
 - Linda Seemeyer asked if dashboards work. Mike said they do in the private sector.
 12. Co-Chair Neitzel asked if there were any questions on past white papers discussed by the Commission. There were no questions.
 13. The September Commission meeting was set to be on Friday, September 9th at 9:00AM in Green Bay.
 14. Co-Chair Neitzel adjourned the meeting.